

not recreational boats. This bill will provide the commonsense clarification needed under the longshore act.

A recent survey indicated that employers in the recreational marine industry would save an average of \$99,000 a year if this legislation passes, and 95 percent of those employers said they would use the money to create additional jobs. I urge my colleagues to call my office today to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 4811.

#### TRIBUTE TO DETROIT RED WINGS—STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to own up to a promise I made to my friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), and, equally important, to honor the World Champion Detroit Red Wings.

Later today, I will also deliver the other part of my friendly wager with the gentleman from Michigan, a big spread of traditional North Carolina barbecue from Bullock's in Durham. And for those of you who may not know, let me clarify for the record: barbecue is a noun, not a verb.

Muhammad Ali once said "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, a desire, a dream, a vision."

Detroit and the entire State of Michigan are a part of that dream today. In the place they call "Hockeytown," the Detroit Red Wings are a team for the ages. Last week, they did more than just win a 10th Stanley Cup. In the end, it was an incredible journey by true legends of the game that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Undaunted by pressure, stoic in the face of defeat, resilient in the fight for glory, the Detroit Red Wings proved once and for all that hockey is a game of confidence and a game of skill. They embody the gritty do-it-yourself spirit that Detroit is known for, and the town embraces them for it.

This series will always hold a special place in my heart. While it ended with the defeat of our Carolina Hurricanes, it will always be remembered as the time when, for a brief moment, hockey amazingly overshadowed basketball in the State of North Carolina.

So congratulations to the Detroit Red Wings, to the city of Detroit, and to the citizens of Michigan.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this speech obviously was written by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR). And as a man of my word, I am gladly reading the tribute that he has written, as promised in my wager. But as a defender of Mayberry—that is how the Detroit media refer to us—I would like to add something unscripted here about North Carolina, "Hockeytown of the South," as we prefer to be called.

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Mr. Speaker, the Hurricanes made us proud with their fine performance and their hometown spirit. Excellent in both athletic performance and sportsmanship, they are equally gracious in defeat, setting a good example for their congressman.

I also feel compelled to issue a storm warning. If the gentleman does not know what a "Category 5" is, he had better find out before next season!

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) for his graciousness and his challenge, but I really look forward to that very tangy, delicious North Carolina barbecue that at this very minute is making its way over the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, we had 1.2 million people participate in the Red Wings victory parade on Monday. Winning the Stanley Cup has brought our city and State together. As the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) said, hockey is more than just a sport in Detroit, it is a passion. That is why we call it "Hockeytown." In Hockeytown, we serve breakfast by handing out forks to each kid and then dropping an Eggo in the middle of the table.

In Hockeytown, when the traffic signal turns red, we start cheering because we think Steve Yzerman just scored again.

Every once in a while I would say to my Republican friends, I will throw a body check or two around here, I want Members to know it is not personal, I will wind up in the Cloak Room for 2 minutes, but it is where I come from. I come from Hockeytown; that is what it is about.

Mr. Speaker, the North Carolina Hurricanes fought hard. They are worthy opponents. They are good sports, and they have good hearts. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) is a good sport with a great heart. Babe Ruth once said, "You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they do not play together, the club will not be worth a dime." Well, the Hurricanes have stars, and they played together; the Red Wings have stars, and they certainly played together, and that is what makes them both great. We in Hockeytown look forward to many more spirited games with our friends from North Carolina.

#### ECONOMIC RECOVERY REQUIRES AN ENERGY PLAN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, America's economic recovery requires an energy plan, and Americans are watching gas prices in preparation for summer

vacations, reminding all of us that oil products are the core of our American economy. If we expect Americans to hop on airplanes and climb into cars, we must immediately implement the House energy plan.

Mr. Speaker, our fellow citizens are also watching for the latest terrorism alerts. If we want our friends to visit our Nation's great cities and landmarks, we must provide them with security. By supporting H.R. 4, we can reduce dependence on foreign oil and make this country safer from unstable rogue nations that consider us their enemy.

H.R. 4 provides for increased domestic oil production, which will increase new jobs and boost economic development. Our economy is growing stronger by the day, but without a new energy plan there is no guarantee that we will have the resources we need to see continued improvement.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4 provides long-term answers to our Nation's energy needs. We must reject the radical opposition's political games which may appease special interest groups, but do not reflect this Nation's need for jobs, economic security, nor its energy needs.

#### TITLE IX

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 30th anniversary of title IX, which requires public schools to grant girls the same access to athletic programs as boys.

Before title IX, women were discouraged from participating in many sports, such as basketball, soccer, wrestling and hockey. Title IX legislation created new opportunities for women to explore and excel in sports traditionally limited to men.

Mr. Speaker, 30 years later, title IX has been the foundation of increased funding for female athletic scholarships, parity in salary among female teachers and their male counterparts, and intolerance of discrimination among females.

Title IX has allowed the number of females participating in interscholastic sports to increase from 300,000 in 1971 to approximately 2.4 million at present. It is important for young women to participate in athletics. Even a small amount of daily physical activity can contribute to health benefits that last a lifetime. By leading an active lifestyle, the risk of diseases can be dramatically reduced. Girls and women participating in sports have higher levels of confidence, stronger self-images, and less depression.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to participate in this vital initiative this week and forever more.